

**BC Academic Libraries Section (BCALS) AGM**  
**Thursday, May 10, 2018 6:30 PM**  
**Cedarbridge Room at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC**

**BCALS Executive Present:** Ali de Haan, Alli Sullivan, Ali Moore, Ryan Kyle, Peggy Lunn, Chloe Riley

**Regrets:** Emily Hector, Melissa Smith

**Agenda:**

- 1. Call to Order** at 6:35 pm (Ali d)
  - a. We did not reach quorum. As we did not need to vote on resolutions or hold elections, we proceeded with the AGM.
  - b. A unanimous decision was made to hold an informal meeting, rather than following Robert's Rules of Order.
  
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
  - a. Adopted without amendments or corrections.
  
- 3. Minutes of 2017 AGM**
  - a. Accepted without amendments or corrections.
  
- 4. New Business**
  - a. Executive Reports
    - i. Chairperson (Ali de Haan)
      - Our Section has had a busy year. Last year, following a vote from our members, we changed our name to the BC Academic Libraries Section. We received final approval in September 2017 from the BCLA Board, and began the process of updating the new name on our website and documentation. We also began to reach out more widely to academic library personnel to let them know they are welcome in our Section.
      - Ali d expresses thanks to incoming Chair, Alli Sullivan, as well as the outgoing Continuing Education Coordinators, Ryan Kyle & Ali Moore, and the outgoing Student Representatives, Emily Hector and Melissa Smith. Thanks also to the continuing executive members, Chloe Riley (Recording Secretary) and Peggy Lunn (Education Coordinator).
    - ii. Financial (Alli Sullivan)
      - For our December event, the space was provided by Langara College; BCALS spent \$748.68 on catering. We charged \$20 per person at the door. We ended up losing approximately \$60.
        - A few possible reasons why we did not fully cover our costs: We did not account for no-shows. We also made the event free for students, which resulted in a larger number of students in attendance (not a bad thing).

- Overall, we are doing well financially. Our current balance is \$125.00.
        - This balance allows us to have a buffer if we lose money on events, or if we decide to spend money on food for a meeting or event.
- iii. Education Coordinators (Ali Moore, Ryan Kyle, Peggy Lunn)
  - Keeping it ReAL (REsearch in Academic Libraries) 2017: From Ideas to Action, November 3, 2017 at UBC
    - A free workshop for academic librarian researchers in BC where the goal is to foster a research culture among participants, and create an open and supportive network for learning, sharing and supporting academic research.
    - 60 people attended
  - Libraries and Privacy in the Post-Privacy Era, BCALS December event, December 4, 2017 at Langara
    - Libraries hold privacy as one of our core values. However, as our dependence on third party vendors and publishers to provide library resources and services deepens, and as the control of our network infrastructure continues to move to the domain our institutions' IT departments, libraries are no longer the sole handlers of library patron information. Given this situation, this workshop posed the following questions: Are the decisions we are making to improve patron experience compromising their privacy? Do we have the leverage to demand publishers and vendors act against their own interests and not collect patron information/data? Do patrons even care about their privacy? Should/can patron privacy continue to be one of our core values? If so, how do we proceed in a post-privacy era?
    - Speakers:
      - Brian Lamb (TRU)
      - Scott Leslie (BC Libraries Co-op)
      - Janis McKenzie (SFU)
    - 45 people attended
  - Student CV/Resume Clinic pilot, April 13, 2018 at SFU
    - The BC Academic Libraries Section (BCALS) piloted a CV/resume clinic for SLAIS students who were preparing to apply for upcoming summer positions. Librarians currently working in academic libraries shared their expertise and advice in a friendly, casual setting. Each one-on-one session was scheduled for 30 minutes.
    - 15 student participants

- 7 librarian experts
  - Socials
    - June 16, 2017: Malone's
      - 15 people attended
    - July 28, 2017: Wicklow Pub
      - 10 people attended
    - September 29, 2017: Yaletown Brewing Company
      - 10 people attended
  - Journal Club/Socials
    - January 26, 2018: Hops
      - 8 people attended
      - Attendees were asked to read Fobazi Ettarh's article, "[Vocational Awe and Librarianship: The Lies We Tell Ourselves.](#)"
    - April 13, 2018: Steamworks
      - 20 people attended
      - Attendees were asked to read Baharak Yousefi's chapter "[On the Disparity Between What We Say and What We Do in Libraries,](#)" or Amy Wrzesniewski's article "Turn the Job You Have into the Job You Want."
- iv. Membership (Ali de Haan, Alli Sullivan)
- Ali d shared that we have 132 members on our listserv.
  - There is more we can do this year to recruit library technicians and other library workers into BCALS. Alli S has been talking with the directors of the Langara and UFV programs to hopefully engage with lib tech students. Executive members can also encourage our colleagues and coworkers to participate.
- b. Executive Elections
- We had exactly the number of nominees for the number of positions available, so we did not need to hold an election. The new members of the BCALS executive are:
- i. Continuing Education Coordinators
    - Kate Shuttleworth, SFU Library & Douglas College Library **elected**
    - Ioana Liuta, SFU Library **elected**
  - ii. Chair-Elect
    - Adena Brons, SFU Library **elected**
  - iii. Chair
    - Alli Sullivan, Langara Library
  - iv. Student Representatives
    - Adair Harper, SLAIS
    - Michelle Ng, SLAIS

## 5. Closing Remarks

- a. As the incoming Chair, Alli S is very much looking forward to the exciting new

opportunities in the upcoming year.

- b. As the outgoing Chair, Ali d thanks the outgoing executive, and expresses gratitude to all of the BCALS membership. She wishes the incoming executive good luck for the next year.

**6. Adjournment** at 6:58pm



